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In re Patent Application of:
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action (Paper No. 6) mailed May 14, 2003, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the species directed to "a method wherein the metal conductors to the bit line plugs are formed at the same time as the metal conductors which contact the active areas of the peripheral logic transistors," referred to herein as Species I (claims 1-21 reading thereon). (Office Action at 2). This election is made with traverse. Please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Office Action (Paper No. 6) mailed May 14, 2003 requires election of one of two designated species. The election of Species I (claims 1-21 reading thereon) has been provisionally made, with traverse. Applicants' election is made without prejudice.

Applicants respectfully request that the claims designated by the Examiner as relating to "a method that comprises forming metal plugs in the peripheral array area